Railway hospital at Buxar station

906. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway hospital at Buxar railway station is in a very poor condition;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though it is only an important railway hospital between Mughal Sarai and Danapur, basic facilities like staff, equipments, buildings etc. are insufficient there;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is an open filthy water drainage outside the hospital and there is fear of spreading diseases due to it; and

(d) if so, the details of plan for revival of Buxar hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a Railway health unit (dispensary) at Buxar railway station. The health unit building is old and requires routine maintenance/repair work. Roof repair and painting work of the health unit are to be undertaken shortly.

(b) Health unit at Buxar is properly equipped as per scale for the health unit and has also been staffed adequately. The divisional hospitals at Mughal Sarai and Danapur are conveniently located on either side at travel distance of only one and half hour. There is a civil hospital within a distance of three kms. from the Health Unit to which patients can be referred in emergency. The medical officer posted at Buxar is empowered to refer the cases for investigation to the private centers.

(c) The open drain is located at a distance of 100 meters from the health unit. The drain is regularly cleaned and maintained hence there is no fear of spread of diseases.

(d) Since, Health Unit at Buxar station is adequately equipped and staffed, there are no plans for its further upgradation into hospital.

Nilamboor-Nanjangode rail line

907. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the progress has been made in constructing the proposed Nilamboor-Nanjangode railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): An updating survey for construction of Nilamboor Road-Nanjangude new line has been completed recently. As per the survey report, cost of construction of 238.40 kms long new line has been assessed as Rs. 1742.109 crore with an RoR (Rate of Return) of (-) 5.907%.

Railway Network in Sikkim

908. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of railway projects formulated by Government during the year 2008-09, State-wise;

(b) the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) the details of the works undertaken for setting up of new railway line/railway network in the State of Sikkim; and

(d) the details of expenditure to be incurred for construction of new railway line in Sikkim?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Details of new railway projects included in the Budget 2008-09 along with States are as under:—

Sl. No.	Railway Project	State
1	2	3
New Line		
1.	Ras-Bangurgram (27.8km.)	Rajasthan
2.	Attipattu-Puttur (88.3 km.)	Tamil Nadu, *Andhra Pradesh*
3.	Bhanupali-Bilaspur-Beri (63.1 km.)	Himachal Pradesh
4.	Agartala-Sabroom (110 km.)	Tripura
5.	Cuddapah-Bangalore (Bangarapet) (255.4 km.)	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh
6.	Erode-Palani (91.05 km.)	Tamil Nadu
7.	Chennai-Cuddalore *via* Mahabalipuram(179.28 km.)	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry
8.	Wardha-Nanded (270 Km.)	Maharashtra
9.	Sitamarhi-Jaynagar-Nirmali *via* Susand (188 Km.)	Bihar
10.	Muzaffarpur-Katra-Orai-Janakpur Road (66.55 km.)	Bihar
11.	Ara-Bhabua Road (122 km.)	Bihar
12.	Araria-Supaul (92 km.)	Bihar
13.	Dehri on Sone to Banjari (36.4 km.)	Bihar
14.	Gaya to Daltenganj *via* Rafiganj (136.99 km.)	Bihar, Jharkhand
15.	Gaya-Chatra (97 km.)	Biharm, Jharkhand
16.	Nawada-Laxmipur (137 km.)	Bihar
17.	Kursela-Bihariganj (57.35 km.)	Bihar
18.	Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga (66.9 km.)	Bihar
19.	Jalalgarh-Kishanganj (50.077 km.)	Bihar
20.	Bhairabi-Sairang (51.38 km.)	Mizoram
Gauge Conversion		
21.	Ratlam-Akola (472.64 km.)	Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra
22.	Jaipur-Ringus-Churu & Sikar-Loharu (320.04 km.)	Rajasthan, Haryana

1	2	3
23.	Suratpura-Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar (240.95 km.)	Rajasthan
24.	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur (299.2 km.)	Rajasthan, Gujarat
25.	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur (90.41 km.)	Tamil Nadu
Doubling		
26.	Udhna-Jalgaon (306.93)	Maharashtra, Gujarat
27.	Chandrapura-Rajabera-Chandrapura-Bhandaridah (106 km.)	Jharkhand
28.	Jakhal-Mansa (45 km.)	Haryana
29.	3rd line between Rajkharswan and Sini (15 km.)	Jharkhand
30.	Muri and Muri outer cabin (1 km.)	West Bengal
31.	Banspani-Jaruli (9 km.)	Orissa
32.	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam (26.83 km.)	Tamil Nadu
33.	Champa-Jharsuguda 3rd line (165 km.)	Chhattisgarh, Orissa
34.	Villupuram-Dindigul (with Electrification) (273 km.)	Tamil Nadu
35.	Panskura-Kharagpur 3rd line (144.7 km.)	West Bengal
36.	Bhopal-Bina 3rd line (143 km.)	Madhya Pradesh
Railway Elect.		
37.	Barauni-Katihar-Guwahati (144.7 km.)	Bihar, West Bengal, Assam
38.	Kanpur-Jhansi (809 km.)	Uttar Pradesh
MTP		
39.	Mumbai Urban Transport Projects (Phase II) rail Component	Maharashtra

(c) and (d) The proposal of new line from Sivok to Rangpo (52.70 km) has been processed for 'In Principle' approval of Planning Commission. As per the survey, the estimated cost of the new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been assessed as Rs. 1329.48 crore.

Recruitment of group 'D' posts

909. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the age, qualification, physical standards, experience, pay etc. prescribed for Group 'D' posts in Railways;

(b) whether recruitment to Group 'D' posts are made at national, regional or at division level;

(c) whether justice demands advertising such posts widely in local/national/regional language newspapers;